

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 remain pending in the present application, with all claims being rejected in the present Office Action. Claims 1-6 have been amended and new Claims 7-9 have been added to more clearly recite the invention.

The Examiner rejected Claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,948,066 (Whalen) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,321,253 (McKeen).

Whalen describes a method for delivery of information over narrow-band communications links and McKeen describes a method for distributing and managing the flow of information between a plurality of networks using a device that can receive voice and data signals simultaneously through a single communication point from a remote integrated voice/data network and distribute these signals to one or more end terminals connected to a local network.

Referring to column 1, lines 28-41 of McKeen, that states:

“In addition, the time necessary to connect to the Internet is burdensome. Each time a users wishes to access the Internet, they must logon through an Internet Service Provider (ISP) using Internet access software. This logon time can be significant if a user connects to the Internet many times during the day. Although some ISPs allow unlimited Internet access, they typically terminate a connection if a user is inactive for a specified period of time. Moreover, the speed of data transfer through a modem connected to an existing telephone line is limited. Thus, a user often becomes frustrated at the time it takes to download or upload files. Certainly, these problems limit the expansion of Internet services into a number of households and businesses.”

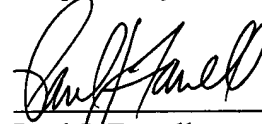
the Examiner inappropriately compares the ISP of McKeen and the mobile communication terminal such as a cell phone. Contrary to the teaching of McKeen, the determination of the timeout and the temporary disconnection of the present invention is performed on the mobile communication terminal, not the ISP. In fact, the network connection of the inventive mobile communication terminal is not a connection to an ISP but to any web server via a wireless connection, as depicted in Figure 2 of the present invention. McKeen does not teach or describe “temporarily releasing an access to the network, upon failure to receive any web related operation command from the user for a predetermined time after displaying the web document” as recited in amended Claim 1 and “temporarily terminating the network access if the determination is negative” as recited in new Claim 8.

In view of the above remarks and amendments, reconsideration and allowance of

amended independent Claim 1 is respectfully requested. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-6, it is submitted that they are allowable by virtue of their dependencies on the independent Claim 1.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-6 and new Claims 7-9, are believed to be in condition for allowance and allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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